



Black Women and Breast Cancer Facts and Figures

Black women had higher rates of screening mammography than other women compared to only **20%** of White patients.****

In 2025, about **40,530** new cases of breast cancer are expected to occur among Black women. ***

Black women are **40%** more likely to die from breast cancer than women of any other racial or ethnic group.*

UNDER 35,
Black women are diagnosed at **TWO TIMES** the rate of White women and die at **3 TIMES** the rate. **

In 2025, about **6,170** breast cancer deaths are expected to occur among Black women.***

Breast cancer is the most **COMMON CANCER** among Black women.**

Black women are less likely to be diagnosed with localized-stage breast cancer and most likely to be diagnosed with distant stage or unstaged cancer contributing to the disproportionate mortality.**

Black women have an increased risk of early-onset breast cancer.***

Triple Negative Breast Cancer accounts for **1 IN 5** cases in Black women versus **1 IN 10** cases for all other ethnic groups.**

BLACK WOMEN ARE MORE LIKELY TO***

- Get diagnosed with breast cancer before age 40
- Have certain aggressive breast cancers
- Have obesity and other health conditions
- Get diagnosed with advanced (metastatic) breast cancer

HR+/HER2-BREAST CANCER is the most common subtype in every racial group, with the lowest in Black women (**59%**) as compared to White women (**73%**).**

About **12%** of Black women will be diagnosed during their lifetime.***

Black women have a **5%** lower breast cancer incidence than White women, but **38%** higher mortality, largely due to later diagnosis and less access to high-quality treatment.**

5-YEAR survival is **81%** for Black women vs. **91%** for white women.**

Black women are two times as likely to be diagnosed with Triple-negative breast cancer as compared to White women and **30%** more likely to die from these tumors. Triple-negative is a generally more aggressive with higher risk of metastasis and recurrence, in part because it lacks the biomarkers for targeted treatment.**

Sources:

* Breastcancer.org

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